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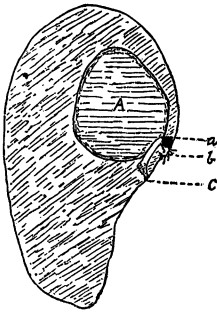
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A Curious Potato.

A curious freak of nature is shown in a potato brought to me two years ago by Mr. Victor Shinn. One of the "eyelets" had



grown; the shoot entered the substance of the potato at once after a sudden curve, and there gave rise to another potato, perfect in every respect, covered with a thin epidermis, but without "eyelets." The surrounding tissues of the larger tuber, however, were not supplied with such an epidermis. I have noticed that the latter feature is also presented when roots and shoots of other plants grow through the substance of a potato. After giving rise to the potato, the shoot passed for a slight distance beneath the surface of the old potato, and had already produced a slight opening in the skin on its way out when its vigor was probably lost and it seems to have ceased growth. The small potato, however, attained quite a fair size.

Description of the figure: A, the smaller potato; a, the place of attachment to the ingrowing shoot; b, the origin of this shoot at the eyelet; c, the opening at which it reappeared.

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Notes from Schenectady, New York.

In 1884, the first summer of my residence here, when taking a walk along the Mohawk River, I discovered on the "sand-bank," between the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad and the well-known Sander's Lake, a grass, *Bouteloua racemosa*, Lag., (*B. curtipendula*, Gray), whose distribution is mainly from Illinois to Texas and Arizona. The form of my specimens is, however, more slender and taller than those from the West. A steep sandy bank was perfectly covered with the purplish drooping spikes of this new comer, among other grasses and *Asparagus officinalis*, L. The rare *Panicum xanthophysum*, Gray, abounds in the shady pine groves of the town of Rotterdam. *Aster amethystinus*, Gray, grows along roadsides in Reesville. *Trapa natans*, the water-chestnut of Europe, was planted in Sander's Lake, and grows there luxuriantly.

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